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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP CONFERENCE

SEP 30-OCT 1, 1976

REF: MUNICH 2145 (NOTAL)

1. REF A INFORMED EMBASSY ATHENS THAT THE BAVARIAN STATE POLICE (LKA) HAD REQUESTED THAT THE DEA THROUGH THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN ATHENS DELIVER AN LKA INVITATION TO THE CHIEF OF THE GREEK CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATION TO ATTEND AN LKA HOSTED CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT IN THE MIDDLE AND SOUTHERN EUROPEAN AREA SEP 30 - OCT 1.

2. WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS REQUEST. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE LKA EXTEND ITS INVITATION DIRECTLY BY TELGRAM OR PASS IT THROUGH THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN ATHENS. WE ARE NOT RELUCTANT TO SERVE AS A TRANSMITTAL BELT FOR A GERMAN INVITATION

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TO A GREEK OFFICIAL BECAUSE OF DIPLOMATIC NICETY

(ALTHOUGH THIS IS A CONSIDERATION). MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID ANY ACT HERE WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE, HOWEVER INNOCENTLY, TO THE CHARGE THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY A LEADER OF THE GREEK LEFT THAT THE GERMANS ARE MERELY AN AMERICAN STALKING HORSE IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY AT THIS SENSITIV DMWME IN GREEK-FRG RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE POHLE CASE (ATHENS 9753 NOTAL).

3. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU ENCOURAGE LKA TO EITHER TELEGRAPH DIRECTLY TO THE CHIEF OF THE CUSTOMS INVESTIFATION ADMINISTRATION OR USE GERMAN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELD TO EXTEND THE INVITATION. WE WILL, OF COURSE, STAND BY SOULD THIS COURSE OF ACTION PROVE IMPOSSIBLE OR SHOULD THERE BE AN OVERRIDING REASON FOR MAKING AN APPROACH DIRECTLY OURSELVES.

4. RE PARA ONE, REFTTEL, MR. NICOLAOS HARAMLAMBOUS IS STILL THE CHIEF OF SECTION, GRADE 8, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATION.
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